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of
Benjamin Wesson
of
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I offer these notes on Benjamin Wesson's ancestry and descendants fully relizing that they are only notes and that they are very far from a complete line. May I urge that any genealogist who can add to this paper should confer a favor by doing so?

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The immigrant ancestor of the Wesson or Weston family was Edmund Weston about whom many conflicting statements have been made. In the references cited below any reader of this article may find the necessary data for considering the problem:

N.E.H.G. Reg. 41:285ff.

Davis's Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth

Pope's Pioneers

Savages Genealogical Dictionary

Mayflower Descendant Magazine

I beg that no one will copy this first generation of the Weston family without realizing that there may be a generation lacking.

First Generation

Edmund Weston was born 1605 England and died in Duxbury 1686, his will being made Feb. 18, 1685/6 and proved June 3, 1686. He was in his eightieth year. He arrived at Boston in the Elizabeth and Ann in 1635 and settled in Duxborough (Duxbury) where he was apprenticed to John Winslow and later to William Thomas. He received a grant of land in 1640 and was able to bear arms in 1643. He married late in life, but his wife's name is not known.

His children were:

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|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Elnathan | b. 1657 | d. April 23, 1724 |
| 2. Edmund | b. 1660 | d. Sept. 23, 1727 |
| 3. John | b. 1662 | d. 1736 |
| 4. Mary | who married John Delano | |

Second Generation

John Weston b. 1662, md. Deborah Delano dau. of Dr. Thomas² Delano (Philip¹ & Hester) and Rebecca² Alden (John¹ and Priscilla) She was dead before 1722 when her share of her father's goods was given to her daughter. John Weston died in 1736 leaving a widow Rebecca. He allotted a portion of the common meadow in 1690 and was a freeholder in 1707.

His children were:

1. Isaac
2. Jonathan who md. Mercy Rickard 1728
3. Abner
4. Eliphaz b. 1702, md. Priscilla Peterson, died 1762
5. David died 1805
6. Deborah md. Benj. Prior. She is mentioned in the will of her grandfather Tr. Thomas Delano.

Third Generation

Isaac Weston (Wesson) born in Duxbury at an unknown date, md. in 1729 or before Anna Jenny b. July 5, 1703 Dartmouth, dau. of Mark Jenny and the granddaughter of Samuel² Jenny (John¹ Jenny the brewer, and Sarah Carey his wife) and Ann² Lettice (Thomas¹ Lettice and Ann --). Isaac lived in Dartmouth and the information about him is scant. One book states that he "died in Dartmouth aged 101" and that "most of his sons served in the Revolutionary War". His children were : (order uncertain)

1. Priscilla b. Apr. 5, 1730 Dartmouth
2. John b. May 31, 1731 md. 1761 Jane Hammond
3. Benjamin md. 1752
4. Thomas
5. Eliphaz md. 1785 (?) Mary Hatch
6. Paul
7. Stephen
8. Samuel md. 1768 Elizabeth Andrews
9. Abigail md. John Hammond

Fourth Generation

Benjamin Wesson whose birth date I do not know was a Revolutionary soldier. He was probably son of Isaac and born at Dartmouth. He married at Lebanon, Conn., Mar. 15, 1752 (First chh. records) Elizabeth Brewster b. Lebanon, Conn., Mar. 7, 1729. They removed immediately to Templeton which was just being opened for settlement. The date of his wife's death I do not know. I have no doubt she lies beneath one of the many unmarked mounds in the old cemetery on the road from Templeton Center to Baldwinsville. Benjamin Wesson died in 1798 for an inventory of his estate was made May 2, 1798. His son Benjamin, who was also a Revolutionary soldier, died Aug. 30, 1778 and his father administered his estate which leads us to think that he died unmarried. Benjamin Wesson had thirteen children including two sets of twins. His Mayflower Ancestry was from John and Priscilla Alden as indicated previously. His wife was daughter of Ebenezer⁵ Brewster and Elizabeth⁴ Dewolf (Charles³, Edward², Balthazar¹) Ebenezer⁵ Brewster was the son of William⁴ and Patience----. William⁴ Brewster (Benjamin³ Brewster and Ann Addis Dart dau. of William Addis and widow of Ambrose Dart: Jonathan² Brewster and Lucretia Oldham; Elder William¹ Brewster and Mary---)

Children of Benjamin Wesson and Elizabeth Brewster: (b. Templeton)

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|----|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Abigail | b.Feb.15 1753 | m.Mar.3 1774 | Andrew Gardner |
| 2 | Zeruiah | b.Oct.26 1754 | d. unm. | May 28 1790 |
| 3 | Benjamin | b.Apr.11 1756 | d.Aug.30 1778 | |
| 4 | Asa | b.June 3 1758 | untraced | |
| 5 | Elizabeth | b.Feb.14 1760 | untraced | |
| 6 | James) | b.Mar.6 1762 | m.Mar.25 1784 | Abigail Ross |
| 7 | John) | " " " | d.Mar.29 1762 | |
| 8 | Eunice | b.Feb.12 1764 | d. unm. | May 2 1831 |
| 9 | Katee | b.Feb.17 1766 | m.Mar.22 1791 | James Johnson |
| 10 | John) | b.Mar.9 1768 | m.int. Sept.26 1789 | Hannah May |
| 11 | Lucy) | " " " " | d.May 11 1769 | |
| 12 | Lucy | b.Aig.31 1770 | m.July 7 1789 | Charles Tilden |
| 13 | Charles Brewster | b.May 14 1774 | m.Polly Hooker | Feb.19 1795 |
| | Rutland | int.Jan.17 1795 | | |

Fifth Generation

James⁵ Wesson (Benjamin⁴)

b.Mar.6 1762 Templeton; d.May 5 1834 Templeton

m.1st, Mar.8 1784 Templeton

Abigail Ross, dau. of Roger and Mary Ross

b.Jan.29 1764 Lancaster

d.Aug.27 1814 Templeton

Children: (b. Templeton)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Benjamin | b.Mar.6 1785 | m.Lucinda Wright |
| 2 | George | b.Feb.4 1787 | m.Sylvia Streeter |
| 3 | Asa | b.July 7 1789 | m.Sally Stockwell |
| 4 | Abigail | b.Apr.2 1791 | m.Joshua Barnes |
| 5 | Prudence Warner | b.May 22 1793 | m. Nahum Chubb |
| 6 | Jonathan Ross | b.May 18 1795 | untraced |
| 7 | Elizabeth Brewster | b.----- 1797 | m.Amos Parker Bangs |

James Wesson m.2d, May 10 1818 Templeton

"Widow D. Brown" about whom I know nothing more.

Katie⁵ Wesson (Benjamin⁴)

b.Feb.17 1766 Templeton; d. -----

m.Mar.22 1791 Templeton James Johnson

James Johnson b.--- 1762; d Feb.26 1834 æ 72 Templeton.

Children:- b. Templeton and most of them buried in the Templeton cemetery on the Baldwinsville Road.

1 Salas(sic) b.July 16 1791 m.Nov.22 1813 Polly Eaton Trask

2 Elizabeth b.Nov.26 1792

3 (son) b.--- d.Jan.5 1795 æ 3 days.

4 Catey b.Aug.22 1795 m.Joseph Skinner 1825

5 James b.May 27 1797 m.Lucy Moore Jan.8 1822

d.Feb.10 1860 æ 63. She d.Dec.21 1839 æ 40.

6 Patty) b.Aug.31 1798 untraced

7 Persis) " " " " m.int. Israel Hemmenway of West
Boylston Apr.9 1825.

8 Lucinda b. ---- d.Feb.1 1801 æ 1 yr.10 dys.

9 Benjamin Brewster Wesson d.July 31 1803 æ 9 mos.15 ds.

10 Asa Wesson b. --- d.July 18 1808 æ 2 yr.2 ms.13 ds.

11 Infant son b. --- d.Jan.24 1809 æ 8 days.

A curious old stone gives the death dates for these young children.
A slate was ruled to lines for the names and dates like a file card.

John⁵ Wesson (Benjamin⁴)

b.Mar.9 1768 Templeton; d.Mar.27 1816 æ 49 (Ch.Rec.) Templeton

m.int. Sept.26 1789 Hannah May "of Sterling".

She b. --- d.Aug.14 1813 æ 42 Templeton.

Children:- (b.Templeton)

1 Nancy b.Apr.18 1790

2 Anthony Marvin b.May 4 1792; d.June 3 1852 Phillipston

3 Cynthia b.May 12 1794 m.Jonathan May Nov.25 1813

4 Thankful Whitcomb May b.Mar.24 1796; d.Sept.16 1801

5 John Abel b.Mar.24 1798

6 Hannah b.Apr.7 1800; d.Oct.18 1805

7 Daniel Augustus b.Jan.18 1802

Sixth Generation

Anthony⁶ Marvin Wesson (John⁵)

b.May 4 1792 Templeton; d.June 3 1852 æ 60.

m.1st, Apr.20 1818 Templeton to Lucy Sawyer, b. 1797; d.Dec.6 1831
(æ 34.)

Children:-

1 Lucy Amanda b.Oct.3 1819 CR

2 Mary bpt.Oct.7 1821; d.Jan.18 1839 Phillipston

3 Abigail Sawyer bpt.June 26 1825

4 ----- Perhaps others of whom I have no record.

4 Harriet b. 1829; d.Aug.5 1831 æ 9 mo.23 d. Phillipston

m.2d.Dec.1 1834 Templeton, Polly Sawyer, b.1801; d.Mar.31 1864 æ63
Phillipston.

Child:-

5 Dora Wesson b. 1836; d.May 5 1857 æ 21, Phillipston

-----Perhps others who survived but of whom I find no record.

Benjamin⁶ Wesson (James⁵)

b.Mar.6 1785 Templeton; d.Oct.29 1813 (Family Record.)
 m. Mar.-- 1807 Lucinda Wright, dau. of David and Mary Ann.
 b.Aug.9 1788 Templeton; d. ---
 untraced.

George⁶ Wesson (James⁵)

b.Feb.4 1787 Templeton; d.Nov.20 1828 Bakersfield, Vt.
 m.Nov.17 1814 Templeton
 Sylvia Streeter, dau. of Daniel and Susanna
 b.Nov.15 1796 Rindge, N.H.; d.Mar.21 1877 Bakersfield, Vt.

Children:- (Probably incomplete list)

- 1 Susan A. Weston b. 1820; m.Mar.2 1847 Uri Day (Winchendon VR)
- 2 Martin J. Weston b. 1824; d.July 8 1876 æ 52 y.8 m.20 d.
single, Bakersfield, Vt.
- 3 Abigail T. Weston b.1825; m.Henry S. Humesat, Fitchburg,
Nov.14 1844 (Fitchburg VR)

(Bakersfield Vt., Cemetery Inscriptions are found in
 N.E.H.G.Reg. vols. 73, 74, 75.)

Asa⁶ Wesson (James⁵)

b.July 7 1789 Templeton; d.Aug.9 1860 Phillipston
 m.Dec.9 1813 Phillipston
 Sally Stockwell, dau of Ziba and Hannah (Towne) Stockwell.
 b.Jan.6 1788 Athol; d.Dec.10 1869 Phillipston

Children:-

- 1 James Lysander Stockwell b.Jan.7 1815 Bakersfield, Vt.
d.Oct.25 1891 Wilbraham
- 2 Rosannah Knowlton b.May 21 1816 Fairfield, Vt.
d.Oct.30 1882 Phillipston
- 3 Henry Branscomb b.Sept.7, 1818 Phillipston
d.Sept.17 1819
- 4 Cyrus Harrison b.Oct.17 1820; Philn.; d.July 13 1898 Rutland
- 5 Hannah Towne b.Jan.21 1823 Athol; d.May 20 1903 Ashburnham
m.Shubal Ross Herrick. No children.
- 6 Henry b.Sept.7 1824 Phil.; d. unm. Oct.18 1848 Brookfield
- 7 Sally Freeman b.Oct.19 1826 Phil.; d.Feb.23 1830 Phil.
- 8 Cynthia Marilla b.Apr.2 1830 Phil.; d.Sept.18 1864 Athol
m. James C. Parker
- 9 Sally Emeline b.June 16 1833 Phil; d.June 20 1880 Peacham, Vt.
m. 1st, Charles E. Parker; 2d, William Stewart

The lineage of Ziba Stockwell the Revolutionary soldier is in a previous paper. That of Hannah⁶ Towne was Ichabod⁵ Towne and Jemima Stockwell; John⁴ Towne and Mercy Towne; John³ Towne and Elizabeth Rae; Joseph² Towne and Phebe Perkins; William¹ Towne and Joanna Blessing.

Abigail⁶ Wesson (James⁵)

b.Apr.2 1791 Templeton d.Oct.8 1863 æ 72 y.6 m.6 d. Bakersfield,Vt.
m.Sept.13 1812 (State Records) at Bakersfield

Joshua Barnes, son of Joseph(?) and Mary

b.Apr.1 1778 Brookfield d.Dec.25 1854 Bakersfield,Vt.

Children:- (List probably incomplete.)

1 Abigail W. b.1814 d.Mar.4 1844 ; 30 y. Bakersfield.

Asa Barnes became a minister

Alice H. Barnes b.1823 d.June 3 1894 æ 71 y. Single,Bakers-
field. (Jan.3 on gravestone)

Wyatt C. Barnes b.June 10 1821 d.Apr.8 1896

m. Lura Rice who was b. Apr.21 1824 Enosburg,Vt.
and d. May 13 1811, dau. of Benjamin and
Matilda (Gaba) Rice.

Candace, dau. of Wyatt C. Barnes m.Feb.5 1879
at South Hero,Vt. Walter Martin

Prudence⁶ Warner Wesson(James⁵)

b.May 22 1793 Templeton; d.Dec.5 1855 Phillipston

m. Apr.3 1819 (F.R.) Apr.5 1820 Royalston VR

Nahum Chubb, b. 1790 d.1823 (G.S.Phillipston Center)

Children:- (List probably incomplete)

1 Andrew b. 1820 m.Harriet Hoar 1843 Athol

2 Abigail b. -- m. --- Cushing.

Jonathan⁶ Ross Wesson (James⁵)

b.May 18 1795 d.Dec.5 1855 (Family record, but, I suspect, an error)
Untraced.

Elizabeth⁶ Brewster Wesson (James⁵)

b. 1797 d.Mar.4 1846

m. Oct.18 1818 Amos Parker Bangs, b.1794 Barre.

son of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Parker) Bangs who removed to
Bakersfield, but Amos P. and Elizabeth Bangs are still
untraced.

Seventh Generation

James⁷ L. S. Wesson(Asa⁶)

b.Jan.7 1815 Bakersfield, Vt.; d.Oct.25 1891 Wilbraham

m.May -- 1837 Wilbraham (VR)

Sarah A. Phelps, dau. of Roswell and Sarah

b.June 6 1813; d.June 5 1883 æ 69 y.11m. Wilbraham

No children.

Rosannah⁷ Knowlton Wesson (Asa⁶)

b.May 21 1816 Fairfield, Vt.; d.Oct.30 1882 Phillipston

m.Oct.14 1835 Phillipston

Ephraim Warren Sawyer

b.May 5 1814 Irving(Wendell Chh.Rec.); d.Jan.12 1887 Phillipston

(See Sawyer article for this branch of the family.)

Cyrus⁷ Harrison Wesson (Asa⁶)

b.Oct.17 1820 Phillipston; d.July 13 1898 Rutland

m.Dec.26 1844 Templeton

Chloe Elizabeth Potter b. --- d. ---

Children:-

- 1 Myra b.Sept.2 1846 m. --- Brown, d.Feb.3 1928 Framingham
- 2 Warren H. b.Aug.5 1849 m. --- Phelps
- 3 James b. --- m.Sarah --- d.Feb.10 1926
- 4 Sarah Elizabeth m. --- Bryant d. in Montana
- 5 George Edward b. Aug.7 1858 Rutland

Cynthia⁷ Marilla Wesson (Asa⁶)

b.Apr.2 1830 Phillipston d.Sept.18 1864 Athol

m. Nov.29 1849 Phillipston

James C. Parker, son of Dexter and Hannah C. Parker

b. Stickney, Canada East; d. at Newbern, N.C. in the Civil War,
(Mar.15 1862.)

Children:-

- 1 Ella Lisetta b.Dec.10 1850 Athol
- 2 Ada Lunett b.Aug.22 1852 Athol
- 3 May Aline b.Mar.24 1854 Athol; d.Dec.24 1927 Dedham
m. Monroe F.Gage (see Athol VR)
- 4 Harry b.Apr.29 1856 m. and left descendants in
Concord.

Sally⁷ Emeline Wesson (Asa⁶)

b. June 16 1833 Phillipston; d.June 20 1880 Peacham, Vt.

m.1st, Charles Emory Parker b.June 19 1829 Rutland.

d.July 7 1863 (Rutland VR) Died on board ship returning
from the army at Newbern, N.C.

Children:

Fred Parker not traced

Fanny Parker " "

m.2d, William Stuart (or Stewart) of West Barnet, Vt.

Children: (see Hist. of Barnet, Vt.)

1 Jane Emeline Stuart b.July 16 1866; m. David Stevenson

2 Abigail Stuart b.Dec.---, 1868; m.Henry Badger of
Danville, Vt.

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